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Miscellaneous.

From the Plough Boy.

Mr. Editor.—By giving publicity to the fol-lowing letter, you will cooler a favor on those was feel an interest in improving their stock of cattle. It is superfluous to add that the great skill and acknowledged success of Col Hampton, in rearing the finest stock in the State, entitle his opinious to be regarded as of the highest authority; and the liberality with which he has communicated the results of his experience, entitles him to the thanks of this community.

COLUMBIA, January 24, 1812. My Dear Sir.—Without detaining you with an apology, for so long a delay in answering your favor of the 31st ult., I proceed at once to the subject matter of your enquiries All cattle imported from England, the North and the West, are very liable to be attacked by a fatal disease, which I take to be, an inflamma-Young cattle, from eight months, to one year

old, are less subject to it, than these more adantumn. I consider them safe, although great care should be taken of them the second season. They should be brought into the State as early in the fall as possible, kept in good growing condition through the winter, and in the spring be removed to a high healthy position, have easy access to pure water, and their pasture as much shaded as the nature of the ground will admit. In August and September they should be kept in a cool stable, during the heat of the day, and at night also, the dew at that season, being almost as injurious, as the intense heat of

With these precautions, I think more than half would escape the disease, the first indica-tion of which, is usually, a languid appearance of the animal, followed by the loss of appetite, short quick breathing, with more or less fever, I have hitherto considered this disease, when once established, incurable. I have recently learnt, however, that by sawing off the horus. close to the head, nine out of ten would recover. In two cases only, have I known the remedy to

be tried, and in both, the experiment was suc cessful.

I shall be highly gratified if any of these suggestions shall be useful to you or any of your friends; and wishing you entire success in your experiment.

I am, very respectfully,

and truly yours, W. HAMPTON.

J. TERRY, Esq.

From the Plough Boy.

AN EXPERIMENT.

Mr. Editor .- The details of an experiment which I tried last spring, assisted by a little imagination, and a good flow of mother Euglish, would make an amusing tale. But as I possess neuther, I shall attempt nothing but a statement of futs. And, perhaps, if the hint is acted upon, it may be beneficial to both the Farmer and the Printer.

Owing to causes which I could not control.

and contrary to my wishes and general practice. I had to plant a piece of new ground, as we farmers call it, so late in the season, that on the Corn coming up, there was no other near to divide the attention of the crows and other birds. The Corn, as will be the case, in land that is not well cleared of the litter, and covered with the plough, came up very irregular, waich enabled the birds to take it nearly as fast as it came up, that is, on two sides of the field, which rdered by old field pines. I went round were bordered by old field pines. I went round the field some two or three times a day, to afford what protection i could to the young Corn, but, at the end of about two weeks from the the Corn first began to come up, so great was the havor on about one fourth of the field. and the stalks stood so "few and far between." that I was minded to plough that portion up. As the season was growing late, and the Corn now left, was too far advanced for the "var mints" to pull up, and thinking of the proverb, finally concluded to go over it with boes, and have clean earth put on the Corn. with the view of having it to come up as much alike as possible. The replant soon began to come up, possible. The replant soon began to come up, and I again commenced my rounds; but all to very little purpose, for the field being large, while I would be in one place, the birds—red birds down, crows &c., would pounce down

somewhere the and go to work.
Well, it was early in June, as the story wri-Well, it was mary in fame, as the story writers have it; I ramember it well, it was Friday, and the meridan sun because forth in all his glory, but his power was somewhat tempered by a brick and refreshing westerly breeze; I was perplexed and discouraged; I hied me house, resolving to try stravagem, if I could hit upon any thing of quick application, that promised success. I lay me down on a bench, flat on my back, its is my custom when perplexed, and undecided as so a measure, with my arm over my eyes, and there tried to think of all the

plans that I had ever seen, or heard of being tried in such cases. I thought of soaking the seed Corn in tar, but that was out of season; I thought of boards cut into various comic firures, painted, and hung up, to be agitated by the wind; I thought of new tin reflecting the sun rays, &c ; but all these plans required some delay, and my case was urgent I was about to give it up, when, raising my head my eye rested upon a desk, wherein was promisenously de, osited all the newspapers I had received for years. The idea struck me-ha: Mr. Editor do you smell it now? yes, the idea struck me to use these papers in frightening the birds from my field. Well, I gathered an armful'of the papers, without regard to religion or politics; excluding from the honor, only such as, by their form, were not suited to such an enterprize, I also pocketed a gross of small tacks, and "put out." By the way, I cut with my pocket knife, a quantity of small poles, six or eight feet long, leaving a horizontal branch at the top, or, if that was wanting, I bent the top square to one side, so that the papers might hang perpendicular and square, the better to resist the action of wind and water. Thus equipt, I arrived at the field. Before proceeding further. I will state how I confined the papers to the stakes: I doubled the paper near the edge, a time or two, to give it sufficient con-sistency for the tacks to hold it firm to the wood; I then laid the edge along on the branch up, for the paper to hang square. In this way they all survived the influence of the weather, until long after they were necessary for the protection of the Corn—And now for the result: I am writing facts, Mr. Editor, as I told you in the outset—But, I see that crow now as he darts through the air, as if—but not so fast; when I arrived at the field, the wind was blowing brisk. The first paper I stuck up was an "American Baptist." As I stock the pole in the ground, I heard a crow, the only one in the field, I believe, about 150 yards off. You know Mr. Editor, that crows have a pezuliar kind of bawl, when their aests are disturbed, or when they are attacking owls! &c.—and thus it gave notice: c-a-w.—and as the wind flapped the paper, he came out in broad and lengthened cadence, caw-aw-aw. Did you ever see a crow fired at, by a keen rifle, and just missed; well, if you have, you may form some idea about he left the place; he attered not another sound, but, putting himself in complete trim, he darted through the air, with almost the swift-ness of an arrow, nor did I see any crows in that field, from that time, u vil the Corn was out of danger, with one exception, and that was on a portion of the field where I obtained a good stand at the outset, and put no papers. I then proceeded to put up all my papers, without any incident worth relating, except terribly fright-ening a dove, with a "Philadelphia Saturday Conrier." at which I would have given the honor of this discovery, to have had somebody to help me laugh. Mr. Editor, I suppose I might help me laugh. Mr. Eattor. I suppose I might speculate a dittle as to the relative merits of the different papers, set up, as scare crows; but I will only say, so far as I now recollect the "Temperance Advocate" looked modest; the "Edgefield Advertiser" appeared to have good will for the cause; the "Biblical Recorder" showed a war from; and the "Brother Jo athan" covered a large space. The actual ments of two others have already been mentioned; but to conclude, I replanted my Corn again; it was not molested, and I made a pretty good crop, though, from its lateness, it was light. Farmers of Edgefield, take good papers, read them, and if you have occasion use them as

From the Albany Caltivator.

Trees may be pruned this month; and if orchards are subjected to this operation. as they should be, the fruit will be greatly improved. It is wrong to suffer years to clapse without pruning; since when it is then done, the cutting out of branches of many years growth, makes large wounds and injures the tree. It will do cattle and sheep good to have the privilege of browsing the prunings as they fall from the trees. A little labor expended on the orchard every year, will be better than heavy and close prunings at once. In pruning, the great object is to so thin the branches, that the sun and air can penetrate every part.

February is a good month to secure a sapply of wood, if this important item of domestic economy has not been already attended to. Don't flatter yourself that it is more profitable to burn green wood, or that such wood makes a hotter fire than dry. None but those who get their wood drag" at a time through the year, and cut it only as first as wanted, will maintain such doctrines. If your wood is cut and split, in the woods, a few weeks be fore it is to be drawn, many tons of water will evaporate from it, and so much is saved in transportation. But in this case you will lose the most of your chips, which, when wood is wholly out for the fire with the axe, will amount to about one fifth of the whole. Prepared is the wood yard, most of these are saved. Wood piled in a woodh use requires air, or it will be attacked with mold and rot.

Speep, and particularly ewes, will require careful looking to this month. It fed on dry find only as is usually the case. and without access to water, they are very apt to be attacked with diseases arising from costiveness, such as staggers, stretches, &c. although the staggers sometimes arises from worms or grubs penetrating the brain. To prevent disease, the 'eep should be fed with cut potatoes, turnips, carrots, or other green food, at least twice a week, if once eachday, so much the bet-They should have salt frequently, &

if a load of nemtors or sproce brush, is occasionally drawn to the yard for them they will feed on it with avidity, and with benefit. The weak ones must not be neglected, for if they do not receive the necessary attention now, they will hardly get through the spring months.

Caule must be salted frequently; it aids their appetites, and is escutial to their Cattle will do with much less food if kept in comfortable stables, than if alif kept in comfortable stables, than if al-lowed to run at large, and are exposed to led in this is entirely new here, and I think great eater for a duity horse and a faint and a faint great eater for a duity horse and great eater for

rubbing cattle or horses is a decided benefit tion at some future to to them, cleaning the skin and hair, and The spring was too far advanced for me contributing materially to health. Change to prepare my corn ground as it should of food is useful. Roots, hay, corn, fod-have been-however, I concluded to try der, may be advantageously alternated or one field of 7 agres on the old plan of ridgmixed, and a good stack of straw for them log up, with a turning piew, and another to amuse themselves upon, will do them of 12 acces, with the cultivator (or rather no barm. It any animal in the yard is a broad south harrow) with 7 teeth, which moping, refuses to eat, and has his hair idea I to 3 from several correspondents in rough and staring, it should r ceive better the Albert Cultivator. The corn made by

Sometimes the snow disappears in February, and leaves the wheat fields & meadows hare. It is not uncommon at such times to see on some farms, such fields covered with cattle, sheep, or geese, tramp-ling or feeding down the young wheat, or poaching the meadows. This is a bad er a shower did come, the roots got the benpractice. It is bad for the animals, and it efft of the whole. Many persons asked s worse for the wheat, and the roots of me during the season, how I managed to grass. Keep your fences up and all your keep this field so green. I replied "by creatures where they should be, until the book farming." proper time for turning them out arrives. Look to the drains in your fields, and see che most that the water courses are clear. Water beheld, an floving over, or standing on winter wheat, is very sure to kill it.

If you have young fruit trees, either in a nursey or orchard, around which the snow is lying, it is a good plan to trend it firmly around them to keep the meadow mice from guawing the bark and killing the trees. If the grass is kept from the trunks of the rees, and this precaution is used, trees may be co-sidered safe from mice, othervise serious losses may ensue.

February is a good month to ascertain the condition of your farming implements, your wagons, plows, harrows, &c. &c. to ee what need repairs, and what new ones are wanted. Never undertake to be a farmer without tools. Without such as are necessary, a farm cannot be worked well, or kept in order. If proper care was taken f farming implements, if they were kept rom exposure to the storms of winter, and the rain and sun of summer, they would on an average last one-third longer than they now do. There is no surer sign of a sloventy turmer, than to see his wagous, carts, plows, harrows, &c. strung about the streets or fields, and left as they were at the approach of winter, for the season. It is from this and similar instances of improvidence, that farmers sustain sesses hey do not swallow them wholly.

Often as we have alluded to the subject of the improvement of fruit, we cannot shope be matter again in this place. much better to have good fruit than poor and good fruit may be had with so little care, that indifference is most surprising. the The most certain mode of securing goo fruit is by grafting; and the latter part of this month is an excellent time to select an cut cions. Label them, and pack in a be in your cellar with moist earth, or but them in a border where the mice will n find them. They must not be kept t wet, or too warm, but they ought not to I main dry for any length of time betwee cutting and using.

Cut up a lew turnips or potatoe your sheep, and sprinkle on them so salt; it will keep them in good heart a condition. Give your horses once a w a handful of clean ashes with their o and they will rarely be troubled with belly ache, or bots. It is much easie keep animals in good condition that restore them after they once become p and it is much better to prevent anibecoming diseased, than to have the t ble of curing them when sick.

From the Tennessee Cultivator PLEASANT HOPE, near Covington Ten., Dec. 1841. Mr. T. Fauning -Dear Sir-Mv tion in life is changed since I last w

our old friend the Editor of the S-Cultivator. I am now in the coumost delighted man you know ofthough I am not progressing very rapidly. I am endeavoring to improve. Many are the jests I have with my brother farmers when they come to see me-well say they, how do you like the business? do you not find it a harder matter than you thought? You must look out or you will find that book farming wont do." I take all advice I can get-try to improve on it-keep working along and saying to myself, I will show my formule after a little that a different system than the one we have been pursuing is for the better.

The first thing I do in reading your valable paper is to look over the editorial atter and then for the communicationsthese are atways interesting, and I am sorry that more of your experienced subscripers do not contribute the knowledge they have heaped up for years-they certainly do not think upon the great advantage this is to new hands at the business like myself. I must ask you to call upon them and to continue to call, until they come forth may be deceived and we never should re--let them not be afraid of criticisms -facts by wholly on ancestry, or one any one cirand experience are what I dare say seventenths of your readers want-let them give their every year's experience upon the raising of all kinds of grain crops-the different grasses, &c, &c. - how to prepare the seed, now and when to manure-the right time to break up ground for the va- ed in a trade through impatience to be rid rious crops and the best method. Let us know the best plan to ruise, and what are have one friend, think yourself happy, is the most profitable root crops in Tennes-

My operations commenced last March, and a great part of my time has been taup in making a comfortable shelter for my

treatment, more nourishing food, and pro-per attention, until improvement appears. The turning plow; was as good as any of my neighbors, and like most of them I lost much of the fedder, the season being dry it burned up. My harrow of sid was most beautiful, "green as grass" all the time, & what is matter of great importance, the soil could not wash away with a heavy

Speaking of improvement, I think I have ended sample of hogs I ever where do you imagine I procured thera! Why, sir, they are from our friend Dr. Martin. The Wointerestrum ra every thing in the shade .burn hoe Whates ber hogs may be that are called do not know, but sir, I assure seen many Berkshires. (I ayself from Mr. Trabue of your eity.) I have seen the Irish Graziers, the Byfield, the Dutch & the Essex half black, ive seen the Irish Graziers, the an touch my Wobut never sow pig raused by

n like magic. She ricultural meeting was nothing could them) two months t "Tipton Beauty" might hear one exa Hazon's Wobu'n beats any thing that ther of Tipton Beauand took the premidid" sow-and I venike more noise about which are said to be

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a small field of clover or I all will be weil] ours, very respectfully.

WM. C. HAZEN. some of our South Carolina to the enquiry upon rice !-

e Massachusetts Plonghman. HORSES.

as much difference in horses as he Morgan breed of horses is highd in New-Hampshire and in Verthich are noted for those points, troth is, as all men of experience

admit, that middle sized animals of all choses are capable of performing and are willing te perform more service in proportion to their size, than very large animals of their class.

Some dealers in horses think they can detert Morgan blood from the habit the animal has of leering and showing his temper. teetle but from the knowledge we have of him we should not consider him cross or vicious. This race of horses is noted for greatendurance, and near the end of a journey you will find a real Morgan in av good spirits as at the commencement.

You cannot always determine from the lock of an animal what his performance will be; but by careful examinate n and comparison an experienced horseman will not often be deceived; and any one will choose better and with more confidence at ter he has satisfied himself that the aucesfors of the individual, for several generafions, have proved good and trucumstance. We need all the aids we can compand to ascertain all the qualities of a horse, and a purchaser needs to put in requision all his powers of judging

A Caution to those who have faulty Horses -We often suffer ourselvs to be cheatof a horse, that has one fault. "If you two. One will hastily put away a horse, tion: One that trots hard for one that will many sights.

If your horse has but one fault keep him and be easy: If your wife has two say nothing about them.

TEMPERING EDGE TOOLS.

The art of nardening and tempering steel, without risk, for the various purposes to which this most important of all metals is adopted, is so little understood even by many who work in it, that I presume a short communication on this subject would be acceptable. It often happens that tools, on which labor has been bestowed are spoiled in tempering, to the disappointment of the purchaser and to the discredit of the maker. The following directions, wnich by experience will be found to be correct, are designed to remedy these inconveniences. Should you think a correct knowledge of this art of importance to the mechanical part of the community, you will please to give it a place. Admitting the tool has been properly

forged without burning or injuring the steel, in order for a good temper, it should be earefully heated in a fire made with wood or charcoal, till it is of a red color. and then plunged into elega cold water in a perpendicular direction. If the temper is to be that of an edge tool, and steel must then be made bright, by grinding or scouring with a coarse stone, and held over the h there were hua- fire until it is of a decy yellow or straw cosin the county, and lor. This is the proper temper of edge erkshires (some of tools, the most difficult part of which process, is, to give the steel the least possible degree of even hear, to give it the greatest possible degree of hardness and strength. If the heat is continued beyond this exact degree, the pores of the steel will be so opened as to render it brittle with but a small degree, by inattention, or accident, the evil will not be remedied by letting it her next litter will, as cool down to this color, before it is cooled in the water; in this case it will be neces-I am daily looking sary to hammer the to dover again, in order to settle the pores of the steel together. The greatest care should therefore be taken in hardening a tool, not to heat it too hot, th Down Sheep-and as its goodness depends more on the cirfr. Prentice of Mount cumstance than is apprehended. Care main in the fi e after it has acquired a proper heat; as even without a greater de-grae of heat, the fire will soon coat it over with a thick scale, which will prevent the water from cooling it so quickly, as is necessary to render it hard as possible.

Many small tools, such as punches, ne and how will be best? bronches, &c., for clock and watch makr seed in March upon your ers, may be tempered by the simple process of heating as above directed, and coolay of your correspondents ling them in hot water, a little below boil rmation to raise a crop of ling heat -This temper gives small tools o try an acre next year. I great strength and a proper degree of hardimen this year-it did not ness. Very small drills are best heated in planted 18th of May-1 ex- a caudle, with a blow pipe, and cooled in I am growing too tedious, I tallow. Their temper is to be taken down the same as an edge tool. Tools for turnmg from and steel, receive a much grea er degree of hardness by being cooled in quicksilver instead of water. This method of hardening must be valuable to clock and watch makers, as well as to many other mechanics, who want tools as hard as pos-

The temper of a spring, after it is careon women, and he who has a first- fully hardened, is obtained by holding it cal may consider houself fortu- over the fire with tallow till it blazes and turns off: the barning of the tallow should be continued for a minute or two on those aid for service this race has proba- springs which from their use are liable to a superior to any in the country. break. Small springs, and other articles L gan horse was made for service to be tempered spring temper, are more han for show; and though he is not conveniently tempered in a sheet-iron pan, arge, he will perform as much as or case with tallow, held over the fire until it blazes, when it is to be taken off and carefully shaken while the tallow continues burning.

Saws and many other common tools which require a file to sharpen them, pinions and arbors in clocks and watches, sur- ulation in Europe. The vast consumption geon's instruments except those designed of MEAT is not only wasteful, but injurious for cutting, bayonets, sword blades, gun to health, and activity, of body and mindsticks and various other articles are of this The body if made of iron, would be una-

what is called cash-hardening. This is should suppose, without pretending to any performed by melosing the iron in an air science on the subject, deleterious to eat tight case, with charcoal dust and salt, and meat suppers or to cat a heavy meal im heating the same red hot for one or two mediately preceding any action of body gun locks are har leaed in this manner. If the process is properly managed, iron and steel may be hardened without even alter- from plethora, impaired digestion, and dising the smooth surface of the instruments ordered blood? Let the heads of any famthe advantage of winch is sufficient to induce the greatest attention in giving it the exact degree of heat.

WATER CEMENTS, OR ROMAN CEMENTS. Hardens under water, and consolidate almost immediately on being mixed. The ancient Romans, in making their water cements, employed a peculiar earth obtained at the town of Putcoli. This they catled Pulcis Putcolans; it is the same that is now called Pazzolana. There is a substance called taras, terras, or trass, mostly employed by the Dutch to their great aquatic structures. It is very duraan old maxim; and if your horse has but ble in water, but inferior to the other kinds one fault, it is often better to wink at it in the air. In an analysis of Parker's Kothan to put him away for a horse that hes man cement, by Monsieur Berthier, he finds that us constituents differ so little lowed to run at large, and are exposed to to the cold and storms. Warmth is essential farmers with a laborer. Another will put away a horse of them in certain proportions.—One part of the scaly field in this is essential farmers with a laborer. Another will put away a horse of them in certain proportions.—One part of them in certain proportions.—One part of the scaly field in this is essential farmers with a laborer.

tial to all domestic animals. Carding or small place. I may give you descrip- on account of his complexion! for one that of clay, and two and a half parts of chalk, will stumble and kick, A lame horse is sets almost instantly, and may therefore put off in haste for one that is in a coosump- be regarded as Roman cement. If clay and oxide of iron be mixed with oil, actrot only when he pleases: One that will cording to Mr. Gad, of Stockholm, they not draw before oxen for one that is un- will form a cement that will harden under willing to keep pace with them: And a water .- It has been discovered that manhorse with one eye for one that sees too gamese is a valuable ingredient in water. cements: four parisof grey clay are mixed with six of the black oxide of manganese, and ninety good limestone, reduced to fine powder; then the whole is calcined to expel the carbonic acid. When this mixture has been well calcined and cooled, it is to be worked into the consistence of a soft pace, with sixty parts of washed sand... If a lump of this can be thrown into water, it will harden directly.

From the Tennessee Agriculturalist. LETTER IN RELATION TO SILE.

Dr. T. White, who has been so successful as to construct. (in the estimation of judges at the American Institute) the most popular silk machine in America, and in the opinion of the Hon. Mr. Tallmadge, the best instrument of the kind known, writes to the Junior Editor, from Philadelphia, under tate of Dec, 11th, 1841, to the following effect : Dear Sir-My machine has gone ahead

of any thing in this country, and is now in high credit throughout this region. I am sorry I am not able to convey an idea to you, and through you to all others concerned, of the improvements I have made in my machine since I left Nashville, so that they who have bought rights might add them to their machines; one thing is certain, however, that they can work the machines with much more case, and to a much greater certainty. I consider myself in honor bound to give the advantages of all the improvements to those who have purchased of me. In a former letter, I aformed you that I found the silk business in a flourishing state throughout the whole country, until I reached Washington, D. C.; such was the fact, but from theoce to New York. I found it in a collasped state; the multicaulis speculation had wound it almost entirely up. In New York and throughout all the New England States, it s in a much healthier state. However, the success that the few had who persovered in the business last season, has began to attract general attention, and the business is beginning to revive, and I think will soon be convalescent, if it should not become febrile again Trees are beginoing to be sought for, and large shipments are being made to the West Indies and Mexico. Mr. Strong, who is well known to the silk faculty, has received a number of large orders for those markets, but at what price, no one knows but himself; it is his opinion, however, that in less than two years trees will be in greater demand than they have ever been. Such of our Tennessee friends as wish to engage in tho business, had better procure their trees while they are to be had at a fair price .-A great many hundred thousand will be shipped from this port this winter & spring; it is being done, however, as secretly as possible, in order to keep the trees from ceeded in obtaining a charter for a Silk Manufacturing Company at Nashville, I have got acquainted with a great many silk weavers, most of whom are employed weaving coach lace at Newark, New Jersey. There are seven establishments in that place, weaving lace and fringe, employing from 6 to 15 hands each. suitable for their purpose is worth from 104 to 124 dollars a pound, but it has to be finished ready for the loom.

Yours truly, THOMAS WHITE

CONSUMPTION OF MEAT.

There are few things in the habits of Americans, which strike the foreign observer with more force, than the extravagant consuption of food-and more especially of meat. Truly we are a carnivorous peotimes, the provisions consumed in America would support, in health, treble our popble to perform all the functions imposed fron may be hardened by the process of upon it at one time-especially is it, we hours, and cooling is in clean cold water. and mind. May it not be averred that one The hammers and many other parts of half of the provisions consumed in this country might he saved with certainty of avoiding the numerous diseases that arise ily examine, and they will find that a substitution of bread and vegetables and milk for three fourths of the meat consumed, would be attended with economy and betrer health .- American Farmer.

OUTSIDE ROW.

"Sam," said a planter to one of his slaves "if you will contrive any way to prevent the destruction of the outside rows of core by the squirrels, I will release you from work for a month." Sam mused a while and then replied, "suppose massa, you leave the outside rows, and no plant em at all: den source's no trouble em. ??

TO CUR A COLD.

Most generally a cold may be relieved because he seems too small, for one that is lazy and slow: Another will exchange a clay, that he proposes the manufacturing tea from the dey loose bark of the scaly